

**REMARKS**

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 4-21 and 31-33 are pending. Claims 4, 5 and 7 have been amended to incorporate the requirements of claim 1. Claims 31-33 have been added to specify the platinum concentration of claim 4.

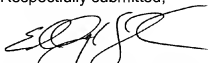
Reconsideration is requested of the rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 USC 102(b) and the rejection of claims 1-3 and 30 under 35 USC 102(e). In the interests of advancing prosecution and to focus the invention claimed upon certain preferred embodiments, claims 1-3 and 30 have been canceled. Thus, these rejections are now moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration is requested of all pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment and credit any overpayment of government fees to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,



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